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CONNECTING PARTS AND
METHOD THEREFOR :

PROPOSED AMENDED CLAIMS
(INFORMAL COMMUNICATION – NOT FOR ENTRY)

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims
in the subject Patent Application:

PROPOSED Listing of Claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A connecting structure, comprising:
 - a post with a first end, middle portion, and a second end; and
 - a plurality of prongs flexibly connected to said first end, extending away from said post and toward said second end in a generally V-shape configuration and an abutment stop intermediate said middle portion and said second end.
2. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of prongs are configured to extend through an aperture and expand to a width larger than the aperture.

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3. (Withdrawn) The connecting structure of Claim 2, wherein said second end is adapted to be received by a coil spring that is adjacent to said second end of said post.

4. (Currently amended) A novelty system comprising:

a body having a plurality of apertures;

one or more appendages corresponding to one or more of said plurality of apertures and for securement to project in displaceably suspended manner from said body, each said appendage including at least one flexible connecting member having a coil spring;

a connecting structure that secures said one or more appendages by said flexible connecting member to said body, comprising:

a post with a plurality of prongs flexibly coupled to a first end of said post and adapted to be inserted through said plurality of apertures and retained therein, said prongs extending towards said body to terminate at respective termini for engagement therewith.

5. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 4, wherein said one or more appendages comprises a wing structure.

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6. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 5, wherein said connecting structure includes a second end configured to connect to said one or more appendages.

7. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 6, wherein said one or more appendages comprise an enclosure configured to secure to said second end of said connecting structure.

8. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 7, wherein said connecting structure is a coil spring.

9. (Currently amended) The novelty of Claim 8, wherein said connecting structure has a spring constant that allows the appendages to be freely movable with respect to said body responsive to wind actuation.

10. (Currently amended) A method of constructing a novelty comprising:
shipping in at least partially unassembled manner a novelty which comprises a body with apertures for receiving connecting structures, one or more appendages including at least one flexible connecting member having a coil spring extending therefrom, and connecting coupling structures configured for connection of said appendages to said body;
unpacking said novelty; and

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securing said one or more appendages by said flexible connecting member to said body to project in displaceably suspended manner from said body by operatively connecting said connecting structures with said apertures of said body, positioning thereby a plurality of prongs flexibly coupled to a first end of each said connecting structure to extend towards said body, said prongs terminating at respective termini for engaging said body.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 10, wherein said securing includes inserting said connecting structures into said apertures.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for constructing a connecting connector, comprising:

producing a post with securing prongs;
inserting said post into a first end of a connecting member; and
coupling said post to said connecting member.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 12, further comprising coupling a second end of said connecting member to an appendage.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 13, wherein said connecting member is a coil spring.

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15. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 14, wherein said connecting member is generally L-shaped.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 15, wherein said coupling the post comprises heating said post to create a barrier such that said connecting member is not easily removable from said post.

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